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individual districts, you're going to try to make one or two stops in the state of Nebraska. If you could win all five electoral votes, you would do so, but if your chances are that there's somebody working at one district, why would you come if you can't make one or two stops and try to gain the entire state? The incentive just isn't there. In fact, the incentive is, look, I'll go someplace else where I can make one stop, try to gain all the electoral votes and be done with it. It doesn't work. There's been a variety of discussions about the winner-take-all system. I know there are a number of people who would like to have a popular vote and that we elect the president on a popular vote. That has been in the United States Congress almost every year since Congress was created. I think it's time for us to get rid of and erase a bad law, go back to where we were with the winner-take-all. This...the idea, I think, was to attract more candidate attention. I think actually it's going to have less. I'm "afearred"...I'm "afearred", what a great English phrase that is. I'm afraid that if we keep this system, it's embarrassing to us, it's hard to explain, no one else has followed us. If the rest of the country would have done this perhaps we would have been all right, they've not. The electoral college is solid and it probably will not change. But I would hope that this body would see fit, I don't think it's a bill that's going to require a lengthy debate. I think we know where we're at. For you new members, I want to give you some time lines. Much of the changes were done in the 1800s. The exceptions to the winner-take-all system that we've had in this state we changed in 1991. Before that, 1972, Maine enacted a district system, and before that it was 1896, and that was when Michigan went back to a winner-take-all system. So between 1896 and today, some 100 years, there's only been two changes, Maine and Nebraska. I don't want to make any...I don't have any idea why Maine is doing what they're doing. I know that I have some say in Nebraska and I would hope that we would go back, join the rest of the country, end this experiment with a split election, and I would hope that the body would see fit to advance this to E & R Initial. I'd be happy to answer any questions, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING